

Mock Caldecott Award 2008 – Books to Consider

List compiled by Melody Allen, Rhode Island Office of Library and Information Services

WHEN: Monday, January 7, 2008 (snow date January 10). Check 574-9306 that morning if the weather is questionable.
9:30 – 12:30 Mock Caldecott

WHERE: William Hall Library
1825 Broad Street, Cranston (directions below)

The Caldecott Medal is awarded annually by the Association for Library Service to Children, a division of the American Library Association, to the artist of the most distinguished American picture book for children.

CRITERIA

1. In identifying a distinguished picture in a book for children,
 - a. Committee members need to consider:
 - Excellence of execution in the artistic technique employed;
 - Excellence of pictorial interpretation of story, theme, or concept; of appropriateness of style of illustration to the story, theme or concept; of delineation of plot, theme, characters, setting mood or information through the pictures.
 - b. Committee members must consider excellence of presentation in recognition of a child audience.
2. The only limitation to graphic form is that the form must be one which may be used in a picture book. The book must be a self-contained entity, not dependent on other media (i.e., sound or film equipment) for its enjoyment.
3. Each book is to be considered as a picture book. The committee is to make its decision primarily on the illustration, but other components of a book are to be considered especially when they make a book less effective as a children's picture book. Such other components might include the written text, the overall design of the book, etc.

Note: The committee should keep in mind that the award is for distinguished illustrations in a picture book and for excellence of pictorial presentation for children. The award is not for didactic intent or for popularity.

Try to read as many of the books on the list as possible in advance, although time will be allotted for examining the books at the meeting. Our balloting system will follow that of the real Caldecott Committee. The real winners will be announced at www.ala.org on January 14.

The Apple Pie that Papa Baked by Lauren Thompson. Illus. by Jonathan Bean.

At Night by Jonathan Bean.

Beetle Bop by Denise Fleming.

The Cheese by Margie Palatini. Illus. by Steve Johnson and Lou Fancher.

The Chicken-Chasing Queen of Lamar County by Janice Harrington. Illus. by Shelley Jackson.

A Closer Look by Mary McCarthy.

Comets, Stars, the Moon, and Mars by Douglas Florian.

The Crow by Alison Paul.

Dog and Bear by Laura Vaccaro Seeger.

Dogs and Cats by Steve Jenkins.

Duck, Duck, Goose by Tad Hills.

First the Egg by Laura Vaccaro Seeger.

Fred Stays with Me! By Nancy Coffelt. Ilus. By Tricia Tusa.

A Good Day by Kevin Henkes.

Heat Wave by Eileen Spinelli. Illus. by Betsy Lewin.

Henry's Freedom Box by Ellen Levine. Illus. by Kadir Nelson.

Invention of Hugo Cabret by Brian Selznick.

Jabberwocky by Christopher Myers.

Knuffle Bunny Too by Mo Willems.

Leaves by David Ezra Stein.

Let It Shine by Ashley Bryan.

Lightship by Brian Floca.

Little Red Riding Hood by Jerry Pinkney.

Mary and the Mouse, the Mouse and Mary by Barbara McClintock.

Pictures from Our Vacation by Lynne Rae Perkins.

Rainstorm by Barbara Lehman.

Velma Gratch & the Way Cool Butterfly by Alan Madison. Illus. by Kevin Hawkes.

The Wall: Growing Up Behind the Iron Curtain by Peter Sis.

The Wizard by Jack Prelutsky. Illus. by Brandon Dorman.

Directions:

Take Rt. 95 South to Exit 16 for Rt. 10 South.

Go to the very end of Rt. 10 and turn left at the light onto Rt. 12 East/Park Ave.

Go to the end and turn left onto Broad Street.

The library will be on your left. Use the parking and entrance in the rear.

Take Rt. 95 North to Exit 16 for Elmwood Ave.

At end of ramp at light, turn right onto Elmwood Ave.

At the next major intersection, turn left onto Rt. 12 East/Park Ave.

Continue as above.

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